

# **BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES**

**March 16, 2020**

**2:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

**BOOT Mission Statement:**

**“To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through provision of health care services.”**

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP/OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: MARCH 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Present by Phone
	GILLIAN RAI, MEMBER	Present by Phone
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
	ANTHONY ROBERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD-INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	DIANE MOORER — IT SUPPORT	
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ. — ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	NONE	

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA March 16, 2020**

OS-0316-01	<p><b><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Charles Bond made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Anthony Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0316-02	<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
OS-0316-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Nixon reported the licensure census for the Board of Occupational Therapy as of March 2020, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Therapists: 748</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy Assistants: 62</li> <li>• Recreational Therapists: 34</li> <li>• Dance Therapists: 4</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Ms. Nixon reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DC government had suspended travel for all its employees for work related activities until further notice. She reported Board meeting have not yet been cancelled and are planned to be held as scheduled. Some divisions within DC Health are on a telework schedule while others including HRLA will be open to the public for reduced hours.</p> <p>Also, HRLA has undergone restructuring where the Senior Deputy Director has created 3 new Associate Director positions, that will be reporting directly to her. Mr. Frank Meyer, the Executive Director for the Board of Medicine is now the Associate Director for the Office of Health Professional Boards. The Allied and Behavioral Boards and the Board of Dentistry will be split.</p>	
OS-0316-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
OS-0316-05	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond made a motion to approve the Open Session</p>	

	minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Anthony Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0316-06	<p><b><u>Request from NBCOT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To review the request and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The National Board for Certification for Occupational Therapy, NBCOT is requesting to visit the Board at its June 15, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No formal motion needed. The Board agreed to have NBCOT representatives visit them at its June 15, 2020 meeting and to notify them if the meeting should be cancelled due to the current pandemic.</p>	
OS-0316-07	<p><b><u>BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TOWNHALL MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To discuss the potential of hosting a Town Hall meeting for active licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No formal motion made. The Board discussed the possibility of holding a town hall meeting for all the professions under the Board and other Boards. The Recreational Therapy Board expressed desire for a separate town hall meeting for just the Recreational Therapists as well. The Board decided to discuss this further at the next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-0316-08	<p><b><u>MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary</p>	

	<p>matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond made a motion to close the open session of the March 2020 meeting. Mr. Anthony Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
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**The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020.**

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